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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF OFFICE ACTION DATED 07/20/2006

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action restriction requirement dated July 20, 2006, Applicant respectfully elects Species I, identified by the Examiner as Figures 1 and 2, without prejudice and solely for the purpose of expediting allowance hereof.

Applicant, therefore cancels Species 2, 3 and 4, directed toward Figures 3 and 4, 5 and 6, and 7 and 8, respectively, without prejudice to any future or pending application(s) covering the same or similar subject matter, and respectfully submits that Species 1, Figures 1 and 2 are now in condition for allowance and requests same.

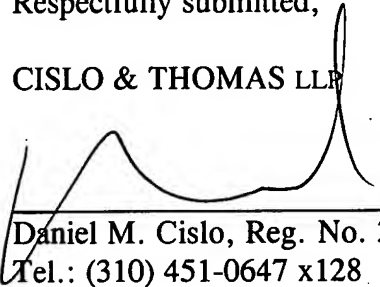
If the Examiner believes that a telephone or other conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the present application, enabling an Examiner's amendment or

other meaningful discussion of the case, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

With the above-referenced changes, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the application on to allowance. The small entity, one month extension fee is enclosed. It is not believed that any additional fees are due; however, in the event any additional fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Attorney's Deposit Account No. 03-2030.

Respectfully submitted,

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